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Applicant: R. Scopp, et al.

Serial No.: 09/669,082

Filed: September 25, 2000

For: METHODS AND KITS FOR  
DECREASING INTERFERENCES IN  
PLASMA OR SERUM CONTAINING  
ASSAY SAMPLES OF SPECIFIC  
BINDING ASSAYS

Group Art Unit: 1645

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Also enclosed is:

Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney

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Respectfully submitted,  
R. Scopp, et al.

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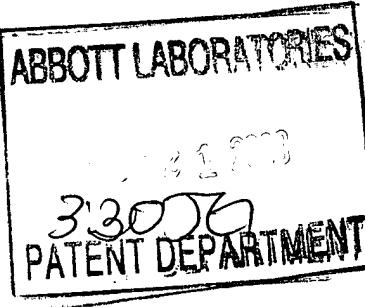
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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION****FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)*****Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
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